



Matthew W. Barnes

January 14, 1966 - March 1, 2020

Matthew W. Barnes, age 54 of Mayfield Heights, died Sunday, March 1, 2020, at David Simpson Hospice House, Cleveland, OH. He was born on January 14, 1966, in Westminster, CA.

Matt earned a Bachelor's degree in Radio/TV/Film from Texas Christian University and worked as a Training and Development Specialist II for University Hospitals Health Systems for 14 years. He believed in excellence and that anything could and should be improved.

Matt was a sports enthusiast and great fan of the TCU Horned Frogs, the Dallas Cowboys, the Cleveland Indians, and the Cleveland Cavaliers. He was an avid gamer and film buff, with special affection for Star Wars. He was known to sprinkle Monty Python and Airplane! quotes throughout conversations. He collected and built numerous Lego creations, a pursuit that is shared by his sons. He loved taking the boys to car shows and air shows, and more recently, to many concerts. Next to his family, music was his greatest passion, and he listened to everything from classical to rock. He enjoyed travel with the family to Hawaii, Alaska, the Grand Canyon, San Diego, the western Caribbean, and Europe. His family believes that many discussions about World War II must be happening in heaven among Matt and his grandfathers and father-in-law.

Survivors include his wife; Aurora Martinez, sons: Steven (Fiancée: Mariah Justice) Barnes and Daniel Barnes, parents: Charles “Chuck” Barnes and Shari Eurich Barnes, siblings: Andrew (Nazeli) Barnes and Susan Lozano and nieces and nephews: John, Anna, Ashlie, Vincent Lee, Monica, and Jazmen, as well as many cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Preceding Matthew in death is his brother: Steven Barnes.

The family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192 or donate online at www.hospicewr.org or The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, 1100 E 9th St, Cleveland, OH 44114 or donate online at <https://www.rockhall.com/donate>.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please tell Daniel that I'm thinking of him and wishing him peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Stacey Kerul - March 24, 2020 at 09:06 AM

SW

“ You have my deepest condolences. I am so sorry for your loss. Matt and I became friends in 2003 while working at the OfficeMax HQ in Shaker Heights. We hit it off right away and became friends. Matt and I went to several concerts together, once even driving to Pittsburgh for a concert. He was such a smart, observant and funny guy. I'll remember all of our long lunches to Cleveland Heights and trips to Starbucks. He had such a great laugh and easy going nature. I will miss him greatly.

Steve Wilson

Steve Wilson - March 10, 2020 at 09:11 PM



AM

Thank you, Steve.

Aurora Martinez - March 15, 2020 at 08:52 PM

EC

“ Elizabeth Conner lit a candle in memory of Matthew W. Barnes

Elizabeth Conner - March 05, 2020 at 08:30 PM



SB

Thank you.

Shari Barnes - March 07, 2020 at 09:25 AM

BM

“ *Matt and I shared a fondness for Stephen King novels. When he was working at Borders he got me a copy of Rose Madder before it was even a final edit. When The Stand first aired on TV, I was studying for finals and couldn't watch so he taped it for me so I could see it later. He was funny and smart, and always had a twinkle in his eye. We had a lot of fun when he worked with me at TCU.*

Beth McLaughlin - March 04, 2020 at 04:57 PM

SB

Thank you, Beth

Shari Barnes - March 07, 2020 at 09:22 AM

CW

“ *I work with Matt's father Chuck Barnes at The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders in Ft. Worth, TX. Although I didn't have the honor of meeting Matt, Chaplain Chuck spoke highly of him and the brave fight that Matt fought. Prayers for this sweet family during this hard time. Connie Weddel*



Connie Weddel - March 04, 2020 at 11:59 AM

SB

Thank you, Connie.

Shari Barnes - March 07, 2020 at 09:23 AM

GF

“ I was a friend of Shari and Chuck when I lived in Ft Worth, TX, and I remember Matt as a teen being bright, insightful, and funny with the perfect amount of salty and sweet. I am sad for his and your loss.
Love, Glenda Fontenot

Glenda Fontenot - March 02, 2020 at 11:25 PM

SB

Thank you, Glenda.

Shari Barnes - March 07, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ I remember having tons of fun with him (my cousin) in the pool at Wayne and Wilma's (grandparents) house in La Mesa when we were kids. He was intelligent and fun-loving. We will miss him deeply.

Christopher Wills - March 02, 2020 at 06:20 PM

SB

Thank you, Chris.

Shari Barnes - March 07, 2020 at 09:27 AM

AM

“ So sorry for your boys and you Aurora . Will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

audrey miller - March 02, 2020 at 05:59 PM

AM

Thank you, Audrey ❤️

Aurora Martinez - March 07, 2020 at 08:25 AM

PJ

“ We have been friends with Matt Barnes and his entire family for more than 30 years. He loved life and we always loved hearing about all his accomplishments. You will be greatly missed.
Gary and Pat Jolley

Pat Jolley - March 02, 2020 at 05:32 PM

AM

Thank you ❤️

Aurora Martinez - March 07, 2020 at 08:28 AM

SB

Thank you, Pat and Gary.

Shari Barnes - March 07, 2020 at 09:30 AM